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THE ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE MOVEMENT.

It First Saw Light in Texas in 188 -How it Came to Supplant the Grange Evolution of the Order-Theories Which have

> Proved Delusive-Quay's Hand.

By telegraph to Post Dispatch. Paris, Tex., July 26.—The Farmers' Alliance which is now looming up as such a great factor in politics, had its origin in this state. It is a child of the old grange or patrons of husbandry which was the favorite fad of the farmers some fifteen years ago. The grange was the first sefarmer to the exclusion of other members of society. It reached its growth in 1878, when it undertook

mg did die. Then came the alliance. There is a legend to the effect that in October, 1881, the first lodge of the farmers' alliance was organized in Jackson county, Texas. Its declaration of principles were very similar to those of the grangers, but it had fewer degrees, its lodge work was simpler and its initiation fees and dues did not cost so much. Its growth was gradual until the fall of 1885, when missionaries were placed in the field and its doctrines were farmers, it was noticed, had been active workers in the greenback party, which had been laid under the daisies only a few years before. Prior to their conversion to the greenback doctrine they had been thronic office seekers in the democratic party. These ex politicians in their new role as lecturers made speeches, when they spoke in public were mainly a tirade against the old parties. Statistics were made to r classes waxed fat and prosperous. Here and there a newspaper made bold to warn the farmers to beware

terests of the farmer, and therefore must be boycotted to the death.

HOW THE IDEA TOOK BOOT. The idea was industriously pushed d some of them not even orna was the rightful lord of all, had bewas argued that the farmer was abwere given credence to and the ignored. There were those who hooted at the idea that our high civof society demanded a division of labor. They did not seem to realize that before the farmer can fence his ground or till the soil that he must first go to the manufacturer to get cret organization gotten up by the his tools; that he must go to the to dictate the democratic nomination into cloth; that physicians are necfor governor. Failing to do so, it essary to look after the health of soon began to languish and languish- himself and family; that the lawyer must be called on to decide points of difference between himself and neighbor; that the teacher was essential to develop and improve the minds of his children, that the preacher had a duty to perform in pointing him the way to a country free from care, vexation and toil, and that even newspapers were necessary tellectual gratification.

to furnish him information and in-But their pet aversion was the middleman or the merchant. Here their ideas of political economy preached to the farmers all over the were again at fault. They never state. Lodges were organized in stopped to consider that the merevery neighborhood. The men who chant as an agent of exchange was went diseminating the gospel to the as necessary to society as money is as the medium of exchange. The merchant was a vampire sucking the life-blood out of the farmers. He must be driven out of business and relegated to the ranks. To meet the demands for an agent of exchange every farmer would be his own merchant by establishing co operative stores in every town of importance in the state. Every member of the alliance was requested to take stock and shares were placed at \$5. This order and figures skillfully juggled made it possible for every member to show how the farmer was being to take stock. Then some man was oppressed and ruined while all oth- elected to manage it. These enterprises were started out with great pomp and ceremony. It was soon star chamber methods of the alliance learned that goods had to be paid some office seeker, perhaps a lawyer of this new craze; that it savored for there just the same as at other will assume an air of benevolence strongly of communism and other places and were just as high, if not and declare that the farmer has as ideas incompatable with their inter- a little higher. Merchants who were much right to go into politics as ests. Then the cry would go up at first alarmed soon saw all their anybody. Thus a false idea is prethat the newspaper that offered old customers back, many of them sented and the farmers' prejudices has improved greatly as a letter these words of warning was corrupt asking credit because they had tak- are inflamed. Watch the man who writer since his correspondence with never swears nor utters a vulgar West Side - Butler, Mo.

that time.

THE ALLIANCE EXCHANGE.

The co-operative stores did not do well. Then the manipulators of the alliance be thought them of another scheme. It was an alliance exchange for the state. The idea was to have a great wholesale and wharehouse establishment. This was started on a stupendous scale. Farmers all over the state were askto inaugurate d , but somehow it normal, to me were was needed, the man personal and it was given. So for all large the demands from gar to be suggested that something was wrong. Investigation showed that the termers who had put up the money did not own a dollar of stock in it, and the managers coolly told them to. It was so far as the farmers were concerned a cold-blooded, heartless corporation. The affairs of the concern were hastily wound up, and some of the managers left the state. The projector and leading spirit of this enterprise is now in Washington City editing a paper called the National Economist. The little Alliance stores all over the state also succumbed. In party even should it mean the death this way the farmers of Texas were humbugged into throwing away millions of money. They were of this political movement is to have swindled and robbed by the very men who insisted that other classes sert their manhood and declare their independence.

Many of its best paying members all he can get for his work. Their became weary of well-doing, and interests will make the issue. In their faith became weak. But the Texas it is the farmer who employs order still lived. Every little coun- most of the labor. It remains to be try school-house still remained a renezvous for the faithful.

A NEW SCHEME.

This year those theoretical farmers who had prospered by the former misfortunes of the order and who lived in fine houses in town with carpeted floors and such furniture and surroundings as becomes the wealthy be thought them a new scheme. that all other classes were useless They had made money easily enough mental, and that the farmer, who the longings for public life by galvanizing it into life and play upon come a mere hewer of wood and the credulity of their former vic drawer of water. He was advised tims in another way. Agitation was to assert himself and force all other begun. The farmers who belong to classes to pursue his own calling. It the alliance were told in the strictest confidence that their temporal solutely independent and all others redemption lay in their political were dependent upon him, and non- emancipation. Information was essential. The wildest theories given oracularly and authoritatively so that it could not be gainsaid. teachings of political economy were They were told that other classes were ruling and pillaging them, and as they were in the majority they ilization and the complex condition should assert their rights and elect men of their own rank to make and administer the laws. The farmers night he and Tom Young met and were told this and many believed it, in the face of the fact that his in terests are better protected by the laws of Texas than those of other miller to have his grain ground into pursuits. He is allowed 200 acres bread and to the manufacture again of land and all the improvements to have his wool and cotton woven thereon; all farming implements he may require or desire, two horses and a wagon, five cows and calves; twenty head of hogs; twenty head of sheep; all household and kitchen furniture; all provisions and feed necessary to maintain his business; all wearing apparel; all books and pictures and many other things too numerous to detail. All these things are exempted by the state constitu- just above the navel and ranged to tion from forced sale. The man who the left side, from which position it has capital invested in merchandise was extracted. He is now in a yery has no such protection. A creditor critical condition. can swoop down on him any day and take every dollar he has in the world. This is not all. A farmer

them he must render it for taxes. they are. They know that Texas is himself a worthless fellow. pre-eminently an agricultural state and that its prosperity depends up on the farmer. There is, then, no just cause for complaint on the part of the farmer.

CLASS PREJUDICE CREATED.

If anyone protests against the and had been paid to oppose the in- en stock in the co operative store makes such remarks and you will Mr. Mulligan.

and could not realize on it just at sooner or later find that he is a candidate. Farmers ought to study pension laws that are systematically robbing them, but instead the alliance man goes to his lodge, closes the door and shuts his ears to reason. The alliance, it is believed, is now being artfully used by Quay Cash Capital. and the republican machine to disrupt the democrat party all over the south. The seeds have been sown in Texas and there is trouble coming. An open fight in Texas against the democratic party was useless and foolish. The democratic record in Texas is impregnable. From the bankrupt condition the republican party left it in by its drastic reconstruction policy, it has prospered under democratic rule until to day its credit is better than that of the Federal government. But a majority of the farmers do not belong to the alliance, and the most thrifty do not countenance its schemes of finance and politics. These are well informed,in nine cases out of ten are democrats. Many good men are in the alliance, and if it comes to the test they will stand by the democrat

of the order. AN INCONGRUOUS FEATURE the farmer and the laborer unite. The absurdity of this lies in the were useless and asked them to as fact that the farmer wants labor as cheap as he can get it. It is nat-ural; it is business. The truth is he These financial reverses gave the cannot afford to pay high wages. alliance a black eye, so to speak. On the other hand, the laborer wants seen whether the saving common sense of the people will triumph or whether they will follow these polit-

> worst enemy—the republican party. McELREE'S WINL O. C. BUIL for Weak Nerves

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them into the camp of the south's

HIS SECOND MAN.

James Bowman Kills Tom Young Lexington, Mo.

Young, a policeman, has fallen the stumbled and fell, and as I was fallsecond victim of the carelessness of ing my gun went off. Then Cran-James Bowman, who for 16 years was deputy and 4 years sheriff of Lafayette county. For a numer of years it has been the practice of when I put my gun on him he would Bowman when he got drunk to flour- let me pass and I would get away. ish deadly weapons around in a dan- I had the pistol cocked when I pointgerous way. This he has been allowed to do without arrest. Last were talking in a friendly manner when Bowman asked a son of his who was standing near for a match. The boy replied that he had none, and Bowman said:

"Why don't you carry one like this?" at the same time pulling a pistol of big calibre from his pocket.

several feet from Bowman. Hardly had the pistol been produced than it was discharged, Bowman says, accidentally. The ball struck Young ner.

The killing of Deputy circuit clerk Arnold Ewing accidentally by Bow-man is still fresh in the public mind. may have \$10,000 worth of grain and Bowman and Ewing were members wheat on hand the first of January of a posse who went in search of and it is all exempt from taxation. horse thieves, and upon emerging But if a man in some other calling from a hotel in Higginsville, after has \$1,000 to pay for his supplies eating breakfast, Bowman carelessly wine of CARDUI. a Tonic for Women. from time to time as he may need threw his Ballard rifle over his shoulder, cocked it, and pulled the Yet other classes do not complain trigger. The result was the instant of this. If left to a vote of the death of poor Arnold Ewing, who bankers, merchants, lawyers and all was to have been married in a short other classes they would leave the time. Bowman comes from one of exemption laws of the state just as the first families of Missouri, but is

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TURLINGTON FOUND GUILTY.

The Killing of Sheriff Cranmer Wilful Murder-The Man's Excuse.

Boonville, Mo., July 25 .- Turlingon was convicted this afternoon of the murder of Sheriff Cranmer and sentenced to be hanged at sunrise September 11.

quick step, but did not appear to be much affected.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Moore being

recalled testified that the pistol used by Turlington was a Remington 44 caliber. The one used by Cranmer was a Smith & Wessen, self cocker 38 caliber.

Turlington was next asked to take the witness stand. As he did so almost the entire audience stood up. He testified as follows: "I suppose I fired the shot that killed Cranmer. I did not know Cranmer was wound ed until I was arrested the day the shooting occurred. I walked up to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver him and said. Old man throw u your hands. I am going to leave Francisco, Los Angelos, California, here.' I was very much excited and Portland, Oregon, St. Paul, Minnepointed my gun at him. I moved Lexington, Mo. July 24.—Tom rapidly out into the jail hall when I mer shot. The flash was in my eyes and my gun went off before I knew Cranmer or any one else. I thought

it. I had no idea of hurting Mr. ed it at Cranmer. It went off accidentally." Two other witnesses swore that

three shots were fired. A loud report was first, then two small shots. The case then closed.

The court asked Judge Shirk if he had any more testimony in rebuttal. The judge: "I believe not. We have more testimony, but it is in the state of Tennessee.

Georeg W. Johnson, prosecuting attorney, opened the arguments, and Judge Shirk, counsel for the Young was at that time standing defense, followed in an eloquent and flowery speech.

> In the afternoon the Hon. John Cosgrove made the closing speech in a very able and impressive man-

The case was given to the jury at 3:15. After being out an hour and a half they returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The hanging will be private at sunrise September 11. The right to

have an appeal was granted.

Judge Shirk asked to be let off from defending Wesley Hensley, pleading pressing business and the court discharged him.

A Package House for Carthage.

Carthage, Mo. July 24.-An "original package" house is being fitted up on the south side of the square by an East St. Louis brewing company. In the basement a restaurant and reading room will be provided. It will be in readiness Saturday morning.

Carthage is one of the cities which, by a large majority, adopted the local option law and much interest is excited at this attempt to sell liquor and opinion is divided as to the

St. Paul has a pious gambler. At least he keeps a clean mouth. He

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For the Missouri Chautauqua assembly at Pertle Springs, Mo., August 5th to 14th, the Mo. Pacific will sell round trip tickets at one fare for the round trip.

To those desiring to attend the state re-union of ex-Confederate vet-Turlington walked into the court erans of Missouri, August 20 and 21, room this morning with a nervous, at Nevada, Mo., the Mo. Pacific will sell round trip tickets at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale August 19, 20 and 21. Good to return until August 23.

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